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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2007 and is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. No fee is believed due. However, if any fee is due, charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209976.0027).

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks and Conclusion** begin on page 7 of this paper.